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SUBJECT.

Passing orders regarding the opening of a Lake way ~~Repairs~~ to the Jumma Masjid at Lohitaldung

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1894-95.

OFFICE BRANCH 737 DEPARTMENT

From The Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldroog District

To The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Muzari Department.

Dated 3d
Despatched 5th } June 1895.
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Enclosures No. Five.

General No. 929.
No. 49.

Submitting for sanction an estimate for Rs: 497/4 being the probable cost of executing certain repairs to the Jumma Masjid at Chitaldroog.

No: 929. Exc: 49. 6.

Deputy Commissioners office
Chitaldrug District
Dated 3rd June 1896.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore
Muzrai Department

Sanction'd as T. 6 96

Sir,

In submitting an estimate for Rupees 497 being the probable cost of executing certain repairs to the Jumma Masjid at Chitaldrug, I have the honor to state that the building in question is a Muzrai institution presided over by a Sirr Khazi who is paid Rupees 14-8-8 per mensem. The building is an excellent one as you have yourself seen. It has however suffered somewhat by long neglect. The Compound wall requires rebuilding. Certain petty repairs are also necessary. I have provided for only such items as are indispensable for the preservation of the building as it has no small pretensions

to

to architectural excellence. The

Mussalman Community of Chitāldrug is composed mostly of poor people. They have contributed Rupees 100 which is all that could reasonably be expected from them. I beg to recommend that the balance of rupees 397 be met from the Inspoi grant of the ensuing year (1895-96).

2. Under these circumstances I request the favour of your sanctioning the estimate referred to above.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

C Ramdas Avergal
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

b/s.

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Read

Letter No. 929/49 dated 3rd June 1895 from the Dy Commr. Chitaldrug Dist. submitting for sanction an estimate amounting to Rs. 497/ for repairing the Jumma Masjid at Chitaldrug.

Order thereon —

The Jumma Masjid at Chitaldrug is a Musulmani institution. It is noted for its importance and architectural excellence. It has no funds at its credit but is in need of urgent repairs. The Mussalman community of Palace who are reported to

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No. 1132-3 Mun. 7. 42-94 dt. 12/13 the June 1895

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have contributed a sum of Rs 100/ towards the repair of the Institution.

2. The estimate for Rs. 497/ is sanctioned, the charge being met as specified below:—

Contribution paid by the Muhammadan Community of the place	Rs. A. P. 100 — —	
From the State Grant of Rs. 15000/ sanctioned in Govt. Proc. No. 749 dated 25th Feby. /95 for the repairs of Muhammadan institutions in the Province for the year 1895-96	397 — —	
Total		497 — —

3 The Comptroller to the Govt. of Mysore will be requested to place at the disposal of the Dy Commr. Chital-drug Distt. the sum of Rs. 397/ referred to above in July 1895.

4. The work should be carried out substantially under proper supervision and a completion bill will be submitted to Govt. in the Mudgrai Deptt. at an early date.

To The Dy Commr. Chital
drug Dt. with the
Board estimate &
other enclosures.

— Comptroller to the
Govt. of Mysore with
a co the abstract

Secretary.
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From

The Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Muzrayi Department

Dated 6th December 1895.

Despatched

Received

Enclosure No. 1 with a Letter
General No 450-
No. 23- Seal Secretariat

Has the honor to submit a memo on the subject of a dispute that has arisen in carrying out repairs recently sanctioned for the Jumma Musjid at Chitaldrug.

Asst. Deputy Commissioner

Ag: Deputy Commissioner

12.12.95

The Musjid may be allowed to have a small back Entrance into the road in question in lieu of, the & Similar in Character to the Old Entrance which is to be closed in the dismantled Musjid Wall - This back Entrance may be some 5 feet wide

The Street may also open into this road but without any gate way.

The road shd be closed for Processions of all kinds, whether marriage funeral, or Religious ones or Others. ~~and No fee~~

No

The road Shd be regarded as quasi public liable to be closed absolutely at any time the Dy Comr. Chooses -

A Stone with Slab shd be put up with the words "Liable to be closed .. Not for Processions" in English, Kannarese & Hindustanee

24 7/96

Memorandum

A portion of land belonging to the Jama Masjid at Chitaldrug was taken up for opening one of the roads that have recently been sanctioned and carried out in connection with the Sanitary improvements of the Chitaldrug town. In consideration of land so taken up and of the importance of the masjid it was proposed to improve the building for which an estimate amounting to Rs. 497/- was sanctioned by Government (vide Proceedings No 1132-3 Mung 742-94 dated 12th June 1895)

2. When the work was being carried out, the Mohammedans requested permission to have an ornamental gate to the east of the building. Close by the masjid on this side there are houses inhabited by Brahmins and a matt belonging to His Holiness the Uttarader Swamy. The Brahmins objected to a gate being opened on this side as it would interfere not only with the Swamis coming to and going from the matt but even the playing of music when

Puja is done in the matt.

3. I tried to reconcile the parties and bring them to some understanding on the subject but could not succeed.

4. The road to the east of the mussjid has been very recently formed and the persons attending mussjid has no ancient right to stop music along this road. This right, if their prayers are conceded, will have to be created for them.

5. On the other hand the matt people had no right of passage along this road, because the place where the road is now formed was studded with unsightly houses, and filthy back yards. The main entrance to the matt is quite a furlong away from the place.

6. There are now two openings, one in the mussjid side, which when expanded will be the door upon which the Mohommedans lay so much stress, and another which even if left as it is looks like the main entrance to the matt.

7 To keep open these two openings is to keep alive a permanent source of irritation between the two sections of the inhabitants. I therefore beg to propose that both these openings be closed up and make the new road a neutral one along which processions of Hindus and Mohammedans alike will be forbidden, especially funeral processions of the Mohammedans. There should of course be no objection to Hindu processions coming from the South up to the end of the Brahmins' houses, but they will not proceed further than that, and Swamis too might visit the Brahmins' houses, but should not be permitted to go further north in the Street.

8. A Sketch of the locality is herewith submitted which will elucidate the details given above.

openings proposed to be closed

are marked in it by blue pencil crosses.

4. Pending a decision on the subject the work sanctioned cannot be carried on and therefore early orders on the subject are respectfully solicited.

Chittaldrug
6th Decr 1895.

Ag: Deputy Commissioner.

Copy sent off 3/5/16 mr.

3/5/16

D.O. No.

M. S. Narrain Rao Esq.
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug.

With reference to your Docket No. 450/23 of the 6th December last, ~~submitting~~ forwarding a memo on the subject of a dispute that has arisen in carrying out certain repairs to the Jumma Masjid at Chitaldrug, I shall be glad to know ~~if~~ as soon as possible if an amicable settlement cannot be effected in the matter.

Please let me have a line in reply at your ~~leisure~~ convenience.

Yours &c

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The Caldera
8th May 1896

My dear ...

... received your kind note
of the 3rd May. I am sorry to
say there is no chance of
the Mahommedans and
Brahmins coming to terms in
regard to the door way to be
allowed to the mosque. We
do consider it necessary to
try to arrange a settlement
by conciliation, laid down
and agreed to by the parties
are likely the forgotten in
course of time and one
day or other if the opening

are allowed on one or
both sides will create
mischief. Therefore I think
the best plan will be to
separate the parties, &
prevent them from coming
together and this is the
plan I have suggested.

Let me now tell you the
differences between the two
groups of Mohammedans of
this place have been settled &
they perform their religious
functions together in the
masjid. They were also
fed together in the Durga
in connection with the

[illegible] in Augusta.

"I have been long waiting [illegible] to receive any [illegible] about the Chairman at [illegible] Before the building of a new one is [illegible] I am not anxious for [illegible] the sale of the old building, which is every day deteriorating [illegible] this funds you doing well

Benjamin Swan

Secretary

MUZRAI.

From Coll. Asst. Off. Plan & memo also. pr. 12/6/96

To C. Srinivasa Iyengar Esq.

Dated

Despatched

Received

Enclosure No.

General No.

Muzrai F. No.

do

You may remember my speaking to you sometime ago about a dispute that has arisen between the Mahamadan and the Brahmin communities at Chidambaram in respect of the repairs to the local Jumma Masjid for which you yourself while Collr had an Estimate made [illegible] and sanctioned by Government. I here with send you the

and any other suggestions, which, from local knowledge, you may consider best conducive to a settlement of the dispute in question.

Yours

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Sent. 12/6.

Sent?

the officiating Dy Com^r
Mr. M. S. Narayana Row's
memo on the subject,
together with the plans
of the locality, submitted
therewith.

The main question at
issue is whether or not
to permit the opening of
a gateway to the Masjid
towards the road to the
east of it. This road, I
understand, is a new one
recently formed and opened
by you when in charge
of the Dt; Mr.
Rao M. S. Narayana Row
proposes to block up the road
to all processions whether
of Hindus or of Muhammadans
in order to avoid all frictions
between the two communities
in respect of the stoppage
of music.

Before I lay the
papers before the Dewan
for orders, I request You
will kindly favor me
with your opinion on
the proposals conveyed
in the Dy com^r's memo,

and

Bangalore
13th June 1896

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

dear Srinivasachariar,

I return the encls.
Nos 4 from your demi official
Yesterdays date: and enclose
separate Memo: containing
views on the proposals
therein relative to
dispute between the Ma.
homedan and Brahmin
Communities at Chitaldrug

in respect of the repairs to the Jamma Masjid at that station.

I am
Yours sincerely
[illegible]

A Srinivasa Charlu Esq

Memo:-

The red pencil lines on the map show roughly how the matter stood before I opened the road which seems to have given rise to this controversy. From X to Z there was a narrow line At Z there was a cross wall. Beyond that, ie from Z to W, the land formed part of the houses of Brahmins and was not accessible through the lane. The Masjid in question, as all Mahomedan places of worship do, faces the east though the main entrance to it is from the west. At point Y there was a small doorway with a door. It was between 2 and 3 feet in width and was but rarely being used by Mussulmans going to, and returning from, the Masjid. When I opened the road by removing the cross wall at Z and taking up a portion of the vacant land ± of the Masjid and of Brahmins' houses and Matt, there was not a word said about the opening of a way at V or the widening of the doorway at Y. Some time before I left Chitaldrug,

one

one Isaak Sait (a Municipal Commissioner) came to me with a plan of certain improvements to be made to the Masjid premises; among which was a somewhat pretentious gateway with arch &c at Y. I atonce demurred to this and plainly told him that such a gateway might lead to undesirable complications and could not be allowed. An ordinary wall with certain other unexceptionable improvements were all that I approved of and estimated for. It is possible that an opening at V was made before I left Chitaldrug but I have no recollection of seeing it. Perse however, such an opening is not objectionable so long as it is only used for ordinary purposes unconnected with procession, music &c. Likewise a small doorway with a door at Y, not exceeding 3 feet in width, is not opposed to Mamul and may be permitted on the distinct understanding that no processions of any kind whatever with or without music shall be allowed to get in or get out through it. In this newly opened street, neither the Mussulmans nor the Brahmin Community should in my opinion do anything calculated to wound each

each other's feelings. I am surprised that so soon after my back was turned upon Chitral drug, either party should have set up a right to which it had no manner of pretence and which I am almost sure it would not have advanced had there not been a change of Presidents. I would suggest that the dispute be settled in the manner mentioned above. "Queen's or King's highway" is all very good in theory, but practically it is often most prejudicial to the preservation of the public peace and should be subordinated to usage.

W.P. Bangalore
13th June 1896

C. Gee Swaine
Secretary

READ —

Government Proceedings No 1132-3—Muz F 42 94 dated 12th June 1895, sanctioning an estimate for Rs. 497 to repair the Jumma Masjid at Chitaldrug.
And,

Docket No. 450—23, dated 6th December 1895, from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug district, reporting that the Muhammadans wish to open an ornamental gate-way to the Jumma Masjid so as to face the newly formed road to the east of it in lieu of the small back entrance (about three feet wide) which had existed in the Masjid wall on that side before the new road was opened, that a street on the other side in which the Matt of the Sri Uttaradi Swamis situated has also an opening newly made, leading into the new road in question, and that by keeping up these two openings there will be friction between the Mahomedans and the Hindu communities in regard to processions, &c., and accordingly soliciting the instructions of Government in the matter.

No. 299 MUZ. F. 42-94, DATED, BANGALORE, 25TH AUGUST 1896.

ORDER THEREON.—The Jumma Masjid though facing east has, all along, had its main entrance on the western side; in the wall on the east side, the Masjid had only a back entrance about three feet in width and facing a narrow blind lane; and this lane has but recently been widened and formed into a through road in the interests of the sanitation of the town. The opening of any large gate-way as a main entrance to the Masjid from the new road on the east side, cannot now be permitted; all that the Masjid may be allowed to have on that side is only a small back entrance into the new road in lieu of and similar to the old entrance into the lane which existed in the dismantled Masjid wall; and this back entrance may, if desired, be made five feet wide instead of three feet.

2. As the road in question is a newly formed one, in which the right of music, processions, &c., had not been hitherto exercised by any community, the Government direct that it should be closed for processions of all kinds, whether marriage, funeral or religious ones or others. It should be regarded as a quasi-public one liable to be closed absolutely at any time the Deputy Commissioner chooses. To avoid all probable misapprehensions in this respect on any future occasion, the Deputy Commissioner is requested to put up stone slabs at either end of the road with the words "*This road is liable to be closed. No processions of any kind to pass through,*" in English, Kánarese and Hindustani.

3. The newly made opening, between the Matt street and the new road in question, may also be allowed to stand as at present, but without any gate-way.

Muzrai Secretary.

To—The Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug district.

Exd—H.A.R.

1896-97

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

MUZRAI

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 25th August 1896

No. 299
Muz. F. 42-94.

Passing orders regarding the opening of a gate-way to the Jumma Masjid at Chitaldrug towards the newly formed road on the east side of the Masjid.

M.G.O.P.B.—26-8-96—120

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Secretariat Secy's Office Bgl. 20 843.
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From
The Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District
To
The Secretary to the
Govt of Mysore Municipal
Dated 9 6 00 } Department
Despatched 12 } Bangalore
Received } June 1900
General No. 846.
No. 806.

Enclosure No. 1.

Government-
Proceedings No.
1132-3 dated 12th
42-94 June 1895 Sanction-
ing an estimate
amounting to Rs
497 for repairing
the Jumma Musjid
at Chitaldrug.

Has the honor to
Submit the comple-
tion report with
bills and vouchers
for Rs 442-11-9.

Proceedings of the Government of Mysore.

READ —

Government Proceedings No. 1152-3 Muz 742-94 dated 12th June 1895 sanctioning an Estimate amounting to Rs 497-0-0 for repairing the Jumma Masjid at Chikaballg.

And—

Docket No. 846/806. dated 8th June 1900 from the Deputy Commissioner, Chikaballg District, forwarding for countersignature and transmission to the Comptroller for adjustment, a Completion Bill for Rs. 442-11-9 being the actual cost incurred on account of the above work.

Enclosures 1 bill & 7 Vouchers and 5.

ORDER THEREON.—No. 1283-4 Muz 742-94

Dated Bangalore, 30 June 1900.

The Completion Bill for Rs. 442-11-9 is countersigned and forwarded to the Comptroller for adjustment.

Muzrai Secretary

—The Comptroller to the Government of Mysore, with the Completoin Bill. 4 vouchers.

The Deputy Commissioner, Chikaballg District. Retg the other enclosures